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SINCE this is our final home game of the season I would like to take the opportunity to thank all our loyal fans for the support they have shown me and the lads. They have remained loyal to me and continually made the players proud to pull on the white shirt of Bolton Wanderers Football Club - which is how it should always be.

The support from the terraces has been tremendous and the lads have responded. They have been made to feel confident by the cheer and encouragement they have received and we are now seeing the fruits of that confidence.

I've got to say it has been a terrific end to the season but at the same time a very frustrating one in many ways.

At the end of it all I feel, looking back, that we should have had another three or four wins at home plus one or two away from home. And, however proud we are to have lifted the club no end, maybe the play-off places should not have been beyond us. Nevertheless we have an excellent foundation to build on.


It is fitting, I suppose, that we are

ending our home campaign with a local derby. We had eight to look forward to in the League at the start of the season and we've slotted in three more in the Sherpa Van Trophy. And they have all been hard-fought and well contested. Wigan are not out of the mire yet but they have strung together an excellent run which they'll be looking to keep going tonight. We have a run going too, so tonight should see a very competitive game with plenty to play for.

Just a final word before Wembley. I am absolutely made up for the supporters and the players that we will be there on 28th May. Bristol people still talk to me about the great time we had last time and I've already had a postcard from a Torquay fan who says he is looking forward to a great day.

Let's make sure it's a great family day out - a day that will again put the competition on the football map. The players will ensure that there is a competitive edge to it, you make sure that there is plenty of cheer and good humour around the place.

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WIGAN ATHLETIC

Wigan Athletic are currently fighting for their Third Division status, recent fine away wins at Bristol City (1-0), Reading (3-1) and Swansea (1-0) have given them a fighting chance. Last weekend they had the better of exchanges in their local derby with Preston North End but in the end had to come from a goal behind and settle for a 1-1 draw.

Since the departure of Ray Mathias, Bryan Hamilton has again taken over in charge with former Manchester United coach Tommy Cavanagh helping out. With games in hand over their fellow strugglers Blackpool and Chesterfield, their fate is still in their own hands although the outcome of tonight's game could be crucial; a win could be good enough to secure a place in the Third next season, a defeat could mean relegation.

Winger Brian Griffiths has emerged as an exciting prospect after being snapped up from non-league St. Helens Town. Just before the deadline they signed prolific non-league goalscorer Don Page from Runcorn and he scored the all-important winner at Swansea. Wayne Entwistle could well be in the side tonight; the former Wanderer scored against us back in October in the 1-1 draw at Springfield Park.

After having plenty of Cup success in recent seasons Wigan have had a relatively poor series of Cup results this season. After winning the Freight Rover Cup back in season 1984/85 they went out at home to Fourth Division Crewe (0-1) in the Sherpa Van Quarter Finals. They went out in both the Littlewoods and F.A. Cup competitions at the First Round stage, going down to Preston and Hartlepool respectively.

With gates around the 2,000 to 3,000 mark Wigan have again had to sell to balance the books, but with a fine Youth policy, the youngsters have already emerged to show Latics fans there is plenty of potential for the future, with Peter Atherton and Joe Parkinson but to name two, who look set for a big future in the game.

PEN PICTURES

BRYAN HAMILTON (Manager): Recently took over again as manager after Ray Mathias left the Club. Had a successful spell at the Club, before leaving to take at Leicester. Recently worked as Chief Executive.

NIGEL ADKINS (Goalkeeper): Nigel signed from Tranmere Rovers in 1986. His chances have been limited due to the consistency of Philip Hughes but when called upon he has never let the side down.

PAUL BEESLEY (Defender): Paul won the Club's Young Player of the Year award in 1986-87. Many people in the game have earmarked Paul to make it all the way to the top. Good in the air and very strong in the tackle.

DAVID THOMPSON (Midfield): Dave has gathered a wealth of experience at the clubs for which he has played which read: Rochdale, Manchester United (loan), and lastly Notts. County before joining Wigan last season. A fast and skilful winger that can be a nightmare for any defence on his day.

STEPHEN SENIOR (Midfield): Steve is the type of player every club needs, he is able to play in various positions producing a consistent performance no matter what role he plays. His previous clubs include York and Northampton. Came to Wigan for a five figure fee.

ALLAN TANKARD (Defender): 19 years old, born in Fleet, Hampshire. Ex-Southampton played 10 first team games for Southampton. Still a young player and hopefully he will make a name for himself at Wigan.

Burnden Visitors

NEILL RIMMER (Midfield): 20 years old. Attacking player with two very good feet. Was on the books at Everton as a youngster, also spent 2 years at Ipswich Town.

PETER ATHERTON (Defender): Yet another product of Wigan's Youth Scheme already has schoolboy international honours under his belt, had a prolonged run in the first team last season and will be looking to build up on his appearances this season. He is capable of playing in many positions.

DAVID HAMILTON (Midfield): David signed from Blackburn Rogers for £26,000 in the summer of 1986. His strongest position is as a play maker in midfield, but he also covered the right back position when injuries made it necessary. A good player to have in the side and one of the chattiest players at the Club.

JONATHON CROMPTON (Midfield): Came through the junior ranks and joined the professional ranks at the start of this season. A natural winger who is capable of keeping fans excited for 90 minutes with his skills.

ANDREW PILLING (Midfield): Aged 19, born in Wigan. He started his career at Preston North End on the Government YTS Scheme. Andy signed for Wigan in 1987 and has quickly established himself in the first team with a bright future ahead of him.

ANDREW AINSCOW (Striker): Another youngster who came through Wigan's successful youth policy, he came into the side last season with the team being unbeaten in the 8 games he started. Still only nineteen with a great future ahead of him. He was also a member of the England Youth Team in 1985-86.



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AROUND THE LEAGUES

With Liverpool being occupied by the F.A. Cup semi-final game, Arsenal's 1-0 away win at Middlesbrough increased their FIRST DIVISION lead to eight points and now the pressure is really on Liverpool in the Race for the Championship.

There's an old football cliché that says points in the bag are better than games in hand and this may prove to be right again. Equally there's a real battle for survival at the other end of the table, with six clubs still unsure of their future in the top flight. The critical encounter between West Ham and Luton went in the Hammers favour by the only goal. Luton may now be cursing themselves for being side-tracked by Cup competitions. Charlton may get clear again. They managed to combat the now familiar Wimbledon style and picked up the valuable points in this 1-0 victory.

In DIVISION TWO, Chelsea already confirmed as Champions, aren't showing any signs of relaxing - this time they beat visiting Bradford City 3-1. If only Manchester City could have shown the same consistency, they would have been home and dry. Instead their jittery performances of late have cost points and none more than against Bournemouth when a three goal half time lead was surrendered. Over 30,000 turned up at Maine Road ready to celebrate but when Luther Blissett converted from the spot in the fifth minute of injury time the afternoon had turned sour. Now City have to win at Bradford City in the last game of the season to be sure of an automatic promotion spot. Blackburn, after beating relegated Walsall 3-0 at Ewood have guaranteed themselves a play off spot for the second successive season.

Lou Macari's Swindon have forced their way into

a play off place having beaten Stoke 3-0 along with Watford. Crystal Palace are sure of an extended season but still have a chance of beating Manchester City to the line.

Shrewsbury, Birmingham and Walsall are of course already relegated and will be making at least one visit apiece to Burnden next season.

In DIVISION THREE, top marks to Bolton manager Phil Neal after winning the Division's Manager of the Month Award and rightly so. Before entertaining Brentford last Saturday, the Wanderers had extended their unbeaten run to sixteen games and fans are now looking to finish the season unbeaten. Brentford came to Burnden looking for a possible play off spot and 5 goals were scored in an exciting first half where Robbie Savage, John Thomas and Julian Darby had sent Bolton in at half time holding a slender 3-2 lead. A further strike by Thomas in the second period put paid to Brentford's season.

Tonight's visitors, Wigan, need all the points they can muster at this stage to secure their safety and the three points gained from the awkward looking game with Bury at the weekend eased the situation slightly. Neighbours Blackpool had to win and did just that by beating Huddersfield 2-1 but they have to continue in the same vein to avoid the drop.

Just who will be promoted from DIVISION FOUR remains uncertain. Rotherham are Champions but it will go to the last match for Scunthorpe, Tranmere, Crewe and Scarborough for automatic choice.

Darlington are this season's team doomed to GM Vauxhall League football next term and manager Brian Little has already pledged his loyalty to the Club.



'POST BAG'

Dear Mr. Neal,

Congratulations on getting to Wembley. It's good to see Bolton getting good results once again. Judging by the programmes I've just had sent to me it sound like the atmosphere and spirit at the club is first class.

My mother was in England just recently and organised with the man in the souvenir shop to have one of these photos enclosed, put into a programme, then have 3 copies of that programme sent back to me.

My family has lived in Australia for 18 years but we're still as loyal as ever to the Wanderers.

I travelled back to England to see the Freight Rover Final versus Bristol City and thoroughly enjoyed the day at Wembley. It was a pity we lost.

I sit up to the early hours of Sunday morning to hear Bolton's result as I can't stand to wait 'til Monday to find out the result.

I wish you all the best Phil for the rest of the season and your attempt to finish the season with an undefeated run and to top it off a win for the club and town at Wembley.

Yours faithfully,
Graham Schofield.
(Randwick, Sydney, Australia.)

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Clough's first two of 17 overall Manager of the Month awards came for August and September 1969 at Derby County. He was Manager of the Year in 1978 and received Special Awards in 1979 and 1980 - all at Forest in their European Cup victory years; and in both seasons 1977/78 and 1978/79 he was overall Manager of the Month four times.

BARCLAYS BANK MANAGER OF THE MONTH IN DIVISIONS TWO, THREE AND FOUR.

Watford's Steve Harrison also completes a double among the Divisional Awards named by The Football League. His promotion-seeking side accumulated 20 Division Two table points - unbeaten in eight Barclays League matches during April. His earlier award was for January.

In Division Three, Phil Neal of Bolton Wanderers - also unbeaten with 11 points from seven League matches and reaching the Sherpa Van Trophy final - wins his first managerial award; and in Division Four, Frank Clark of Leyton Orient, also unbeaten with 14 points from six League matches to keep the club in the play-off area, collects the prize.

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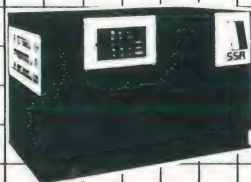
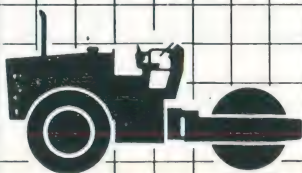
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40	Burnden Sports	5	2	2	1	9	3	8
45	Metro Wanderers	5	2	2	1	6	7	8
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5 YEARS AGO: 12th May, 1984.

Simon Rudge was both a hero and villain as the Wanderers went down 2-1 in the final League game of the season at Preston North End. He his his first goal for three months with the game only minutes old but he became the villain of a controversial free kick incident early in the second half which led to North End's winner. The kick, on the edge of the penalty area, was taken three times after Rudge had been booked for twice moving forward. Clark touched the ball to Elliott who blasted it wide of the disturbed wall and into the net. Preston had earlier equalised when a shot from Clark took a deflection on its way into the net.

10 YEARS AGO: 8th May, 1979.

Bolton ended their League programme with a 3-1 home defeat at the hands of Tottenham Hotspur. Osvaldo Ardiles stole the show with an outstanding performance, also being involved in all three Spurs goals. Frank Worthington drove home a swerving shot to put Bolton in front in the 13th minute but the Londoners equalised on the half hour through Mark Falco who was making his League debut. Sam Allardyce put through his own goal for Spurs' second and Jimmy Holmes netted their third.

100 YEARS AGO: 11th May, 1889.

A weakened Bolton side went down 3-2 at Hyde. Two goals from Billy Rushton had put Bolton in front at half time but the home side hit back to win.

18th May, 1889.

The Wanderers warmed up for their Scottish tour with a 2-2 draw at Preston. In Scotland, Bolton lost 5-1 at Celtic and 8-3 at Dumfries Wanderers but won 6-1 against Glasgow Thistle, these games being played on consecutive days.

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Centre: Trevor Morgan scores Bolton's 2nd goal.
Right: Jeff Chandler congratulates John Thomas after Bolton's 3rd goal.



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RESERVE AND YOUTH NEWS

3rd May, 1989.

Stoke City Reserves 1 - 1 Bolton Wanderers Reserves

The Reserves came away from the Victoria Ground with a precious promotion point after soaking up all that a virtual Stoke City first team could throw at them.

It was a game that neither club could afford to lose and for City it extended their unbeaten run to 21 games.

Stoke took the lead in the 15th minute when a low cross from the right by Graham Shaw was turned into the net off a post by Nicky Morgan. In the incident Wanderers keeper Gareth Gray collided with Morgan. He continued after treatment and despite plenty of home pressure had little to do thanks to the form of the Wanderers back four.

Two minutes later Ian Stevens headed a Gary Henshaw cross against the bar and Roy Litherland shot the rebound just wide of the target.

Stevens was on target with Bolton's equaliser in the 23rd minute when from a Stuart Storer cross, Nicky Brookman headed down into his path for him to turn the ball home from close range.

From then on Stoke had the majority of possession whilst the Wanderers never had the opportunity to test Scott Barrett in the home goal. For all the pressure applied by Stoke the Wanderers allowed them only one clear cut chance on goal which came three minutes from the end.

Nicky Morgan looked to have an easy

chance to score City's winner when a left wing cross found him at the far post. To the Wanderers relief he headed over from five yards out but defeat at that stage would have been an injustice to what was a courageous Bolton performance.

Team: Gray, Spooner, Holmes, Litherland, Stubbs, Neal, Brookman, Henshaw, Jeffrey, Stevens, Storer. Subs: Callaghan for Litherland, O'Brien.

The Reserves have two home games remaining against Scunthorpe on 17th May and Wigan on 19th May, both with a 7.00 p.m. kick-off.

CENTRAL LEAGUE - DIVISION TWO

(Table as at 1st May, 1989)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hull City	31	23	2	6	77	37	71
Notts. County	32	19	7	6	73	45	64
Stoke City	31	16	9	6	56	34	57
Bolton Wand.	28	16	6	6	69	45	54
Bradford City	29	15	6	8	68	50	51
Oldham Ath.	28	14	7	7	55	36	49
Middlesbrough	29	13	6	10	64	49	45
Darlington	31	12	6	13	45	55	42
Rotherham Utd.	30	12	5	13	56	57	41
Grimsby Town	32	11	5	16	45	59	38
Port Vale	33	10	6	17	43	58	36
York City	32	10	6	16	49	55	36
Mansfield Town	30	8	11	11	50	54	35
Blackpool	29	10	5	14	46	68	35
Preston N.E.	29	10	3	16	50	52	33
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If somebody had said back in August that we would produce 31 programmes this season nobody would have believed them; but believe me that has been the case. If anybody thinks that come match day the programme just suddenly appears without much hard work, chasing about and countless hours spent into the night, researching and writing articles, then they would be sadly mistaken. The programme is a labour of love for the individuals who comply it, with the ultimate hope that the readers who buy it enjoy it. Fortunately here at Bolton we have a statistician who does a superb job; Simon Marland is of course that chap and no doubt when his book comes out in September, "The Complete History of B.W.F.C." it will be a very interesting book to add to any collection. Invaluable contributions have again come from Gordon Harrison, while Gordon Sharrocks at the B.E.N. has been first class with his assistance and time and effort. As always the photo's by Martin Birchall and Richard Rollon of the Bolton Evening News have captured the best of the action down here at Burnden.

No doubt with the collecting of football programmes now a very serious hobby, many fans have seen programmes escalate in price over recent seasons with quite a few clubs charging £1 each. I would like to think that our programme represents decent value for 60p and sales this season back up that fact. It is the aim to produce a programme that the fans want to read, so if you think of any improvement or different articles for the start of next season, please write in.

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Avoiding any monsoons tonight, this will be the last League game down here at Burnden Park this season. Have a great day out at Wembley on the 28th and let us all get ready for a fresh assault on promotion come August.

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SIMON MARLAND

RECOLLECTIONS

When the Wanderers and Wigan met at Burnden in the abandoned game last February, both were desperate for points in a bid to fight off relegation. Since then both clubs have had something of a revival although if previous games are anything to go by there will be another close encounter this evening.

Victories by a single goal litter the record between Bolton and Wigan with one from Jeff Chandler settling the issue in the first League game played by the sides on Boxing Day 1983. The tables were turned later that season when the Latics took the points on their first visit to Burnden thanks to a Steve Johnson goal.

In 1984/85 each club won their respective home game, a Gerry McElhinney own goal giving Wigan victory at Springfield Park, Jeff Chandler's penalty conversation doing likewise for Bolton at Burnden.

More goals came the following term when Wigan won 2-1 at Burnden on New Years Day 1986 whilst in March 1986 the Wanderers ended Wigan's run of 33 home games without defeat. Asa Hartford, debutant Mark Gavin and Tony Caldwell scored for the Wanderers, with Colin Methven hitting the

Latics solitary effort with all the goals coming in the second half. This game still stands as the only one between the clubs with a winning margin of more than one goal.

In 1986/87 Wigan completed the double with a 2-1 scoreline resulting in their favour in each case. At Springfield Park the Wanderers only reply was a late Warren Joyce goal after Chris Thompson and Paul Cook found the net. Paul Jewell and Bobby Campbell struck Wigan's goals at Burnden before Asa Hartford converted a 79th minute penalty.

Earlier this season the sides fought out the first League draw between the clubs with Nicky Brookman and Wayne Entwistle getting their names onto the scoresheet.

The game at Burnden was goalless when abandoned at half time due to a waterlogged pitch.

Our overall League record against Wigan is as follows:

	Pt	W	D	L	F	A
Home	4	1	0	3	3	5
Away	5	2	1	2	6	5
Total	9	3	1	5	9	10



Photo shows Wigan defender Peter Atherton clearing from Robbie Savage during the abandoned game in February.

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ENGLAND 5 v RUSSIA 0

22nd October, 1958. No.32

England met Russia at Wembley still smarting from the painful memory of Sweden and the World Cup the previous June.

In a largely uneventful first half both sides carefully tested each other out without showing any real threat up front. Powerful running by Nat Lofthouse, recalled for the first time since 1956, did cause some anxious moments for the visitors but neither keeper was severely tested.

Just before the interval England gained their breakthrough when Charlton, Finney and Douglas combined down the left to send Haynes in to shoot low and hard past Belyayev.

It was a body blow to the Russians from which they never recovered. A header by Lofthouse brought a desperate clearance by Kessarev and Haynes was on hand to fully punish the error by crashing the ball home.

With eight minutes remaining Haynes completed his hat trick and then Douglas was brought down to allow Charlton to convert a penalty.

The final and loudest cheer was reserved for Lofthouse. The game was in the last minute when Charlton found the big man with a good pass. The Bolton forward fired in a splendid shot for the fifth goal much to the delight of the crowd and just reward for a typical performance from the gutsy number nine.

TEAMS

England: McDonald (Burnley), Howe (WBA), Shaw (Sheffield Utd.), Clayton (Blackburn), Wright (Wolves), Slater (Wolves), Douglas (Blackburn), Charlton (Manchester Utd.), Lofthouse (Bolton), Haynes (Fulham), Finney (Preston).

Russia: Belyayev, Kesarev, Kustnetsov, Voinov, Maslyondin, Sarev, Metreveli, Ivanov, Simonyan, Mametov, Ilyin.

ENGLAND 2 v WALES 2

26th November, 1958. No.33

Wales twice took the lead and were twice pulled back at Villa Park but held on to their first draw on English soil since the war and this in spite of injury to Bowen on the half hour which left the Welsh captain 'carrying' his arm.

The visitors took the lead in the 15th minute when McDonald failed to smother Medwins cross shot and Tapscott, quick as a flash, whipped home the rebound.

Broadbent equalised when he lobbed the ball over Kelsey after a long through pass from Shaw.

In the 70th minute, Allchurch, receiving the ball from Ward, turned back on Wright and Howe, and shot Wales back in front off the far post.

Minutes later A'Courts centre found Broadbent whose superb header from 12 yards hit the top corner of Kelsey's net to equalise.

TEAMS

England: McDonald (Burnley), Howe (West Brom), Shaw (Sheffield Td.), Clayton (Blackburn), Wright (Wolves), Flowers (Wolves), Clapton (Arsenal), Broadbent (Wolves), Lofthouse (Bolton), Charlton (Manchester Utd.), A'Court (Liverpool).

Wales: Kelsey (Arsenal), Williams (West Brom), Hopkins (Tottenham), Crow (Aston Villa), Charles M. (Swansea), Bowen (Arsenal), Medwin (Tottenham), Ward (Bristol Rovers), Tapscott (Cardiff C.), Allchurch I. (Newcastle Utd.), Woosnam (West Ham Utd.)

WHERE ARE THEY NOW



Being the final edition of the season, this week we have had to look back over previous issues to jog one or two memories.

Not always has success come our way in tracing the desired subject. We failed with Hugh Curran who was of course a favourite during his time at Burnden, and lost a little bet in trying to contact Polish international Toddy Nowak, but hopefully some pleasure has been achieved for our readers in the thirty editions produced.

It took some time to 'tackle' Wyn Davies, but when we finally caught up with him in February he provided some nice recollections. "Ronnie Reece crossed and I glanced a header past Gordon Banks. It was only when I was at the cinema when the Pathe News came on that I saw the goal. I hadn't realised what a good goal it was."

Paul Fletcher is a humorous person but he had suffered some disappointments in an enjoyable career, as he pointed out when on the verge of a move to Everton. "I failed the medical, when they told me I had a heart disease. We kept the news quiet and Bolton sent me for extensive tests which proved negative, but I was upset and struggled to get my form back."

Former Wanderers winger Dennis Butler produced a nice line when reflecting over a game against the glamorous 1961 Spurs lineup which included Jimmy Greaves, Danny Blanchflower and Dave MacKay. "It was a magic day. Spurs had won the 'double' and Burnden was full since Spurs were a top First Division side and we beat them 1-0."

Bolton favourite Peter Thompson talked of Bill Shankley's obsessions for Liverpool. "The day I signed he told me I'd be the best player in the world, the fastest thing on two legs and become the 'white Pele'." Outspoken Willie Morgan came up with some personal opinions when he said, "In my days

at Bolton, I reckon the football played was better than Manchester United" and when discussing quality players added, "I reckon Glenn Hoddle is the best player over the last decade and it's crazy that he can't get in the England team but that comes down to coaches in the game. Give Don Howe a piece of chalk and a blackboard and he'll never lose a game."

Then there was the interview with fearless 'keeper Chris Harker, who was the player involved in the accidental premature end to the career of Brian Clough. He said, "We both went for at 50-50 ball. I came out and dived across and Clough went over the top. I always believed that a 50-50 ball in the area was the 'keepers and normally play continues but in this case he never played again." Back in September, 1958, Cup semi-final hero Ralph Gubbins explained, "I had to deputize for Nat at centre forward and the attendance that day was 74,000. We went one down to a Peter Dobing goal and then it turned out to be a dream game. I scored two goals in two minutes."

In the interview with Bolton born Bobby Owen told us of his Manchester City debut game at Liverpool. "Tommy Smith gave me a right clobbering. I was shaking for a week after!"

Other names who have revealed interesting stories include Colin Bell, Tony Dunne, David Sadler, Alan Gowling, Gordon Taylor and Roger Hunt.

One significant point from most of these ex-players is just how few of them watch football today mainly due to business commitments.

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It's exactly a week ago that we heard direct from Spain that John Toshack had been appointed manager to Real Madrid and told you so in last Saturday's Match Report. Now it's been officially confirmed only today

Personality Profile.

REVIEW OF THE SEASON

Tonight's Personality Profile spot has been changed to 'Review of the Season'. With the highlight of the season still to come - the Final of the Sherpa Van at Wembley - we look back on what has been a 'up and down' season in more ways than one.

A tremendous pre-season was capped by the winning of the Lancs. Manx Cup in a thriller over Preston North End down here at Burnden Park. Skipper Mark Came who lifted the famous old trophy was soon out for the rest of the season with a broken leg, but the lads opened the season well and by the beginning of October were in the top three in the table, with convincing victories against Cardiff (4-0), Fulham (3-2), Aldershot (3-0) and Sheffield Utd. (2-0). October and November saw a topsy turvey spell with good results over Chesterfield and Huddersfield, but reversals against Wolves and Port Vale saw us slip to a mid-table position.

December saw us record only one win in the whole of the month, that being in the Preliminary Round of the Sherpa Van Trophy (1-0). Chester inflicted our third home defeat of the season and goalscoring was becoming an increasing problem. The turn of the New Year brought a vital victory against Gillingham and in the Sherpa Van Trophy a splendid away victory at Preston which gave us a Quarter Final home tie against Wrexham. Moving into February and our away form was giving much cause for concern; defeats against high riding Bristol Rovers and Sheffield United followed by local rivals Blackpool meant that we had lost seven away games on the trot.

Wrexham put up a brave challenge in the Sherpa Van Trophy but the goal of the season from mark Winstanley helped to put us through to the Northern Semi-Final stage. After a narrow defeat against champions Wolves, a definite up-turn in fortunes, with the lads up to date 17 games unbeaten. Many fine team performances have been given in this fine run, with the defence producing the basis of this with Dean Crombie particularly outstanding since he returned to the side in March.

In the Sherpa Van Semi-Final at Gresty Road the lads came back from a goal down, to see off a battling Crewe outfit which led us into the Northern Final against Blackpool. The two-legged Northern Final was witnessed by a total of nearly 20,000 fans, Julian Darby's



Will the Whites be lifting their second trophy of the season at Wembley?

fine goal at Burnden Park giving the Whites a narrow lead for the second leg at Bloomfield Road in which we triumphed after extra time.

So it's down to Wembley on the 28th May and hopefully we can lift our second trophy of the season against Torquay. Don't forget we've a score to settle against them, because they did the double over us last season in the Fourth Division.

On reflection, the side has done well over the last few weeks playing attractive, skilful football and it is all looking very promising for next season, with the defence probably the best in the Third Division and with the return of Mark Came still to come. Steve Thompson and Julian Darby, the two home-grown youngsters, have taken the midfield by storm this season and with promising young striker Mike Jeffrey just coming into the first team scene it's all looking good for next season.

LEAGUE SCENE

DIVISION 3

	HOME			Goals			AWAY			Goals			
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wolves	43	18	3	1	59	17	8	8	5	31	26	89	
Sheff U	44	16	3	4	57	21	9	5	7	34	29	83	
Port Vale	44	14	3	5	45	21	8	9	5	30	26	78	
Fulham	45	12	7	3	41	26	10	2	11	27	39	75	
Bristol R	44	9	11	3	34	21	10	5	6	33	29	73	
Preston	45	14	6	2	53	28	5	8	10	23	29	71	
Chester	44	12	6	5	38	18	7	5	9	26	40	68	
Notts Co	45	11	7	5	37	22	7	6	9	26	30	67	
Brentford	44	14	3	4	34	19	4	9	10	30	40	66	
Bolton	44	12	7	3	41	22	3	8	11	13	29	60	
Swansea	44	11	8	3	32	20	4	7	11	17	30	60	
Bristol C	45	9	3	10	30	25	8	6	9	21	30	60	
Bury	45	11	6	5	27	22	5	6	12	28	45	54	
Huddsld	45	10	7	5	34	24	7	1	15	28	46	59	
Mansfld	45	10	8	5	32	22	4	8	10	16	30	58	
Northptn	45	11	2	9	39	31	5	4	14	25	42	54	
Wigan	43	9	4	9	27	21	5	7	9	25	29	53	
Reading	45	10	6	7	37	29	4	5	13	27	41	53	
Cardiff	43	9	8	4	28	16	4	5	13	13	39	52	
Southend	44	9	9	4	32	26	3	6	13	21	46	51	
Chstrfld	45	9	5	8	33	31	3	2	16	16	51	49	
Blackpool	43	9	6	7	33	27	3	6	12	18	29	48	
Gillingham	45	6	3	13	23	31	5	1	17	22	49	37	
Aldershot	45	7	5	10	29	29	1	7	15	19	49	36	

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30	Litt. Cup 1, Chester	H	10	3,535	Felgate

SEPTEMBER

3	Cardiff City	H	4-0	4,831	Felgate
6	Litt. Cup 1, Chester	A	1-3	3,784	Felgate
10	Reading	A	1-1	4,660	Felgate
17	Bristol Rovers	H	1-1	4,821	Felgate
20	Fulham (Tues)	H	3-2	4,289	Felgate
24	Aldershot	A	3-0	2,127	Felgate

OCTOBER

1	Sheffield	H	20	9,345	Felgate
4	Swansea City (Tues)	A	01	3,283	Felgate
8	Blackpool	H	22	7,106	Felgate
15	Port Vale	A	12	7,985	Felgate
22	Wolverhampton W.	A	12	8,174	Felgate
25	Wigan Ath. (Tues)	H	11	4,438	Felgate
29	Chesterfield	H	50	4,783	Felgate

NOVEMBER

5	Bristol City	A	1-1	8,808	Felgate
8	Huddersfield T. (Tues)	A	10	7,902	Felgate
12	Bury	H	2-4	7,987	Felgate
19	Chesterfield(FA Cup/1st)	H	00	4,440	Felgate
26	Northampton T.	H	21	4,446	Felgate
28	Chesterfield(FA Cup replay)	A	3-2	4,168	Felgate

DECEMBER

3	Brentford	A	0-3	4,600	Felgate
6	Preston N.E. (Tue.)	H	10	2,666	Felgate
10	Port Vale (FA Cup/2nd)	H	12	7,499	Felgate
17	Chester City	H	01	4,318	Felgate
20	Bury (Sherpa Van Try)(Tue)	A	01	2,023	Felgate
26	Preston N.E. (Mon)	A	1-3	12,124	Felgate
31	Notts County	A	02	5,096	Felgate

JANUARY 1989

2	Mansfield T. (Mon)	H	00	4,906	Felgate
6	Gillingham (F.A.3)(Fri.)	H	21	4,178	Felgate
14	Cardiff City	A	01	4,212	Felgate
17	Preston NE (Sherpa Van)(Tue)	A	10	5,569	Felgate
21	Reading	H	11	5,172	Felgate
28	Bristol Rovers (F.A.4)	A	02	5,311	Felgate

FEBRUARY

4	Sheffield Utd.	A	0-4	11,162	Felgate
11	Swansea City	H	10	4,178	Felgate
18	Blackpool	A	02	5,552	Felgate
21	Wrexham (SVT Q/F)(Tue)	H	3-1	3,833	Felgate

MARCH

4	Wolverhampton W.	A	01	13,521	Felgate
11	Bristol City	H	20	4,423	Felgate
14	Chesterfield (Tues)	A	11	2,877	Felgate
18	Southend	H	00	3,506	Felgate
21	Crewe (Sherpa Van SF)(Tue)	A	21	5,975	Felgate
25	Mansfield T.	A	10	3,256	Felgate
27	Preston N.E. (Mon)	H	10	10,281	Felgate

APRIL

1	Chester City	A	00	3,225	Felgate
4	Gillingham (Tues)	A	10	3,096	Felgate
8	Notts County	H	3-3	4,521	Felgate
11	Blackpool (SVT N.F.)(Tue)	H	10	10,345	Felgate
15	Fulham	A	11	4,950	Felgate
18	Blackpool (SVT N.F.)(Tue)	A	11	9,027	Felgate
22	Aldershot	H	10	4,407	Felgate
25	Port Vale (Tues)	H	11	5,296	Felgate
29	Bury	A	00	4,393	Felgate

MAY

1	Huddersfield (Mon)	H	3-1	5,511	Felgate
6	Brentford	H	4-2	4,627	Felgate
9	Wigan Ath. (Tues)	H			
13	Northampton	A			

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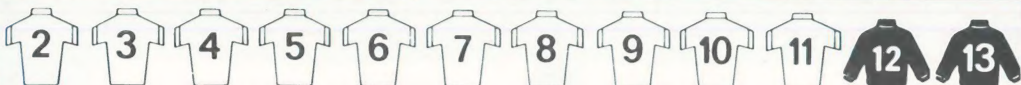
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TODAY'S REFEREE - E. J. Parker (Preston)
 Mr. Parker commenced refereeing in 1972 in the Local Leagues and progressed via Lancashire Combination, North West Counties to Football League Referee in 1987. Important matches officiated in include 1987 E.U.F.A. Cup 1st Round Linesman Dundee Utd v Coleraine. He is married with two daughters and hobbies include photography and swimming.

TODAYS LINE-UP

BOLTON WANDERERS

WHITE SHIRTS & BLUE SHORTS

1. DAVE FELGATE
2. PHIL BROWN
3. BARRY COWDRILL
4. ROBBIE SAVAGE
5. DEAN CROMBIE
6. MARK WINSTANLEY
7. JEFF CHANDLER
8. STEVE THOMPSON
9. JOHN THOMAS
10. TREVOR MORGAN
11. JULIAN DARBY
- 12.
- 14.

TODAY'S OFFICIALS
REFEREE: E. J. PARKER
LINESMEN: J. V. JONES
G. SPOONER

WIGAN ATHLETIC

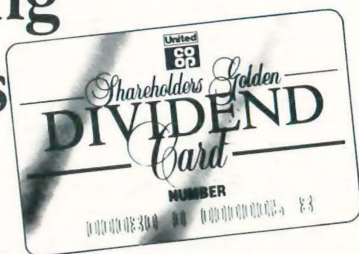
ALL GREEN

1. NIGEL ADKINS
2. STEVE SENIOR
3. ALLAN TANKARD
4. PETER ATHERTON
5. PAUL BEESLEY
6. ANDY PILLING
7. DAVE THOMPSON
8. NEILL RIMMER
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